"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
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The excellent fall growing season resulted in considerable alfalfa regrowth after the fourth cutting in many fields. Now that a hard frost has occurred, alfalfa can be used for grazing or can be mowed without injury to the stand. Unless this frosted growth is really needed for feed, it is probably best to leave it in the field as a cover to help protect the plants from heaving. If alfalfa is grazed, it should not be grazed "into the ground" which is likely to injure the crowns. Livestock should be kept out of the field when the soil is wet. Another plus for grazing is the removal of fall deposited alfalfa weevil eggs in the stems.

Never graze newly seeded alfalfa as described above.

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There were a number of 50 bushel soybean yields reported this fall.

If you care to keep a close watch on the soybean situation, there is a weekly publication called **Soybean Update** published by the American Soybean Association. It provides information on the world soybean situation, demand situation, market development, etc.

We can provide additional information on this if you are interested.

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Grains that have just been harvested are valuable crops in terms of the county's economy. Corn - 80 bu yield = 360,000 bushels, with a farm value of $1,044.000.

Corn Silage - 15 ton yield = 30,000 tons with a farm value of $993,000.

Soybeans - 37 bu yield - 24,050 bushels, with a farm value of $144,300.

These two crops have a 1979 farm value of $2.2 million.

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Fertilizer prices have risen fast this fall, particularly the phosphates. The reason offered for the rise is a significant increase in world demand for phosphate materials produced in the U. S.

What about spring prices -- some are suggesting that we could see N at 26c, P_2O_5 at 27c and K_2O at 14c, but let's hope these predictions are on the high side.

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Make no mistake, it will cost more to do business next year. Some of the pesticide sales representatives tell me that their products will be up even though some do not have a petro-chemical base. The general inflation is moving costs up.

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Talked with some cattlemen from North Carolina in recent days. They were describing the embryo transplant program being done just across the state line.

They are using a super ovulation process on the donor cow getting from 16 to 35 eggs and implanting them in a recipient. Costs were running $750 per cow-calf was guaranteed.

We'll be seeing more of this done with the very top end of beef and dairy animals in the next decade.

WEATHER REPORT

Last Week	.00
Month of November	3.26
Normal For Month of Nov.	2.89
This Year	50.35
Normal For This Year	37.23

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Pictured above is Troy Woody, Chairman of the Safety Committee, congratulating two of the 7th grade winners of the Game Law Test. From left to right, Troy Woody, Steven Drinkard, and Randy Phelps.

Pictured above is Karen Stevens and Troy Woody congratulating the 8th grade winners in the Game Law Test. From left to right, Karen Stevens, Troy Woody, David Blanks and Todd Neathawk.

Jr. FFA Chapter Held November Meeting

On Nov. 29, 1979 the Appomattox Middle School FFA Chapter held its monthly meeting in the cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by our President, Karen Stevens. Devotions were then given by the Chaplin, Jimmy Almond. The officers then presented the opening ceremony and the business session began.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting were read and approved. Then the orders of the day were read by our Secretary, Sarah Simpson.

The first order of business was the officer reports. The first report was given by our Treasurer, Lisa Coleman, who reported a balance of $445.41. The other report was given by the Reporter, Beth Caldwell who reported that 6 articles had been published in the Times-Virginian.

The next order of business was the adoption of the budget, presented by, Lisa Colman. A motion was made that we adopt the budget and it was passed by the members.

Next Todd Scrugs presented the Program of Work. Todd Neathawk moved that we appoint a special energy committee, it was seconded and passed by the members. Todd Scrugs moved that we adopt the Program of Work, it was seconded and passed.

This year the FFA sponsored a Game Law Test for the 7th and 8th grade students. The following 7th graders were winners and received prizes. Terry Eagle, Steven Drinkard, Randy Phelps, and Catherine Ballowe. The following 8th graders were winners and also received prizes, David Blanks, Todd Neathawk, Jay Chenault, and Lonnie Evans.

Then Andrea Haskins introduced a slide presentation on Chain Saw Safety.

Next A. C. Martin introduced the program, a movie titled "The Return of the Wild Turkey." The meeting was then adjourned by president, Karen Stevens.

Kristie Matthews celebrated her ninth birthday Sunday. Those attending were Kevin Ragland, Susan and David Linkcos, Kristie Ford, Victoria Grubbs, J. J. Mayberry, Roni and Tara Johnson and Angie and Rodney Thompson.

Kristie Matthews Celebrated Birthday

Winners Named By Appomattox Electronic Service

Appomattox Electronic Service, located on Main Street in Appomattox, held at drawing for **Free Gifts** Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Frances Abbitt of Appomattox was the winner of the first prize and received a Sharp Digital Clock Radio. Second prize winner was Teresa Cyrus of Appomattox. She won a Sharp portable radio and Judy Campbell of Concord won a King Pin Meat Thermometer, third place prize.

Mr. A. B. Evans of Appomattox drew the names of the lucky winners.

Schewels Has Grand Opening In Farmville

A large crowd gathered last Thursday morning for the ribbon cutting ceremonies marking the grand opening of Schewels Furniture Company in Farmville on Main Street.

Schewels officials and Farmville dignitaries participated in the ceremony.

Bertram R. Schewel, president of the Lynchburg-based firm, said the new store in Farmville contains approximately 14,500 square feet of display space and will carry a complete line of furniture, carpet and appliances. This is the 20th store to open in the Schewel chain.

Thomas H. Fridy, 34, is the manager of the new Schewel Furniture Store in Farmville. He has been with the Schewels organization for the past six years. He went to Farmville from Bedford where he was assistant manager of the store there. Prior to that he was in the headquarters store in Lynchburg.

Prizes valued at about $3,000 were given away at their grand opening, according to Fridy.

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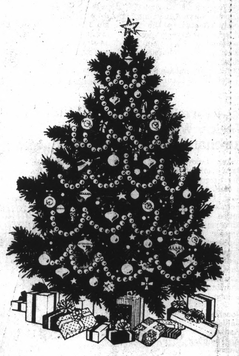

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And Now There's Help For Mailers

Mailings by church groups, clubs, and associations are taking days, sometimes weeks, to reach members with news about their organizations. In some cases, so called future events become a thing of the past by the time a mailing reaches the intended recipients.

Even small businesses and private secretaries are finding it difficult to cope with the delays encountered with mailings to customers, prospects, and suppliers.

These are the conclusions drawn from a national survey conducted by Scriptomatic, Inc., a leading producer of addressing systems and equipment with branch offices in 14 major U.S. metropolitan areas.

The basic problem, the survey shows, is that most organizations, even those with volunteer help, spend an excessive amount of time typing names and addresses individually onto envelopes, labels, or self-mailing pieces.

To counter this delay problem, researchers at Scriptomatic have developed a personal addresser system that is five times faster than the old method of typing every name and address individually on envelopes or labels for every mailing.

Due to anticipated high interest in the new system, the company has prepared a bulletin describing its operation, free copies of which are available by writing "Bulletin", Consumer Products Division, Scriptomatic, Inc., Philadelphia, PA 19131.

Here's what a spokesman for the company had to say: "The personal addresser system is fast, simple and inexpensive. Masters need only be typed once and addresses are transferred directly onto the envelope or other mailing material by rolling the addresser unit across the master card. There is no more need for labels. The system should be of significant help to anyone who works with mailing lists."

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Common Cold Defies Medical Researchers

This is the season of the year when the American Medical Association reminds once again that we still cannot cure a cold.

And if anyone tries to sell you on the latest version of a so-called "cold cure," you can laugh it off and save your money.

As the years go by more and more is being learned about colds and their causes. A number of viruses produced the symptoms that most of us call a cold, probably more than a hundred. The true cold is an infection with one or more viruses. Bacteria probably are purely secondary infections.

Current research indicates that colds are harder to spread than had been thought. Fresh colds appear to be more contagious than older ones. Children's colds probably are more contagious than those of adults. There still is much discussion among experts as to the relationship of chilling or exposure to dampness to "catching" a cold.

What can you do for a cold?

No specific treatment, so far available, is effective. Treatment is directed toward relief of the discomfort of runny nose, watering eyes, sore throat, fever and other symptoms of the cold. Penicillin does not stop the virus, but may be prescribed by your physician for secondary bacterial infections.

Your doctor will prescribe bed rest, or at least reduced physical activity. Medications to relieve headache and aching joints and to reduce fever can help. Antihistamines will curb runny nose. And after a couple of weeks, you'll be cured.

Cold vaccines have yet to be proved of much value. There is no evidence that any particular foods, special clothing or exposure to sunlight or fresh air will have any effect on colds. There has been some research which indicated that Vitamin C might help prevent or lessen colds, but the preponderance of research evidence is that this product is of doubtful value.

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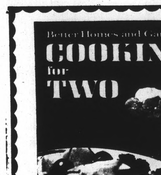

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